

## Wind Monitoring Equipment

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- What do we monitor?
  - Wind speed (average and gusts)
  - Wind Direction
  - Temperature
- How often do we record it?
  - Every 10 minutes is best
  - Hourly is sometimes the most practical
- For how long?
  - 2 years is good
  - 1 year is a minimum

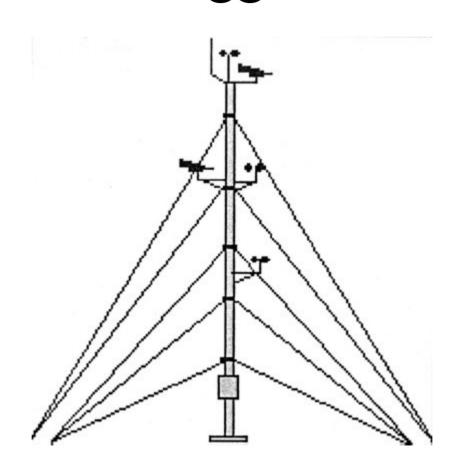


# Wind Monitoring Equipment

- •Sensors (Speed, Direction, Temperature)
- Data Loggers
- Towers



# Tower with Logger and Sensors





#### Anemometer & Wind Vane



Standard anemometer \$97 Calibrated anemometer \$225

Heated anemometers and vanes for very cold climates \$970 each!



### Temperature Sensor

- \$195
- Helps determine periods of icing





#### Other Sensors

- Barometric Pressure
- Relative Humidity
- Solar Radiation

Probably not essential for wind resource assessment



#### NRG Wind Explorer





- 1 anemometer, 1 wind vane, 1 analog channel
- Stores data on 128KB DataPlugs (\$60)
- Cheap (\$600)



# NRG 9300 Cell Logger



- Up to 6 anemometers
- Up to 6 wind vanes or other analog sensors
- Stores data on FLASH memory cards
- \$1700 to \$2700



## NRG Symphonie Logger



- Internet-enabled data arrive by email
- Flexible configuration
- \$1250 plus add-ons



#### SecondWind Nomad Logger



- Up to 3 anemometers
- Up to 4 wind vanes
- Internal memory or memory cards
- about \$1300



## Campbell Scientific Logger



- 6 different models
- Good for wind turbine monitoring

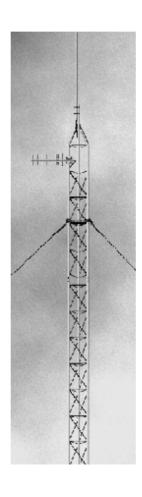


#### Towers

- Tubular
  - Most common for wind evaluation
  - Tilt-up
  - Up to 50m
- Lattice
  - Existing communications towers
- Booms hold sensors away from tower



#### Lattice Towers





#### **Tubular Towers**



Tilting up a 14m tower in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia



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# Examples of Less-than-ideal Measurement Equipment and Sites



#### Plate-type 'anemometers' in Mongolia





#### A sheltered city meteorological station, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

